APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1690-I asked by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st September 1961, page 350 supra.]

A.—The retail distribution of chemical fertilizers under the Government Trading Scheme both in block and non-block areas is done only by the co-operative societies. In the district of Tiruchirappalli there were private agencies also functioning as distributors and orders have since been issued that the existing private retail distributors should be replaced by co-operative societies.

It may be stated that all the co-operative societies in each and every village are not functioning as retail distributors. However, the co-operative societies have been appointed as distributors by the Collectors in consultation with the Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies according to the requirements of the localities. The aim is to have the maximum number of depots possible in each area with a view to have atleast one depot for each village and also to see that the ryot does not walk more than five miles to get his requirements of fertilizers.

